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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of )  
HEINZ et al. ) BOX PCT  
)  
International Application )  
PCT/EP 00/05274 )  
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Filed: June 7, 2000 )  
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For: CERATODON PURPUREUS  $\Delta$ 6-ACETYLENASE AND  $\Delta$ -DESATURASEPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets canceling claims 15 and 21.

## REMARKS

The claims were canceled in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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